

Israeli cabinet to meet urgently

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Wednesday night he would call a special cabinet meeting soon to consider a draft agreement on withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon brought from Beirut by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. But Mr. Begin told reporters after meeting Mr. Shultz for about an hour: "We still have important things to decide upon. Not everything is agreed yet." Israeli sources said the cabinet might meet as early as Thursday. Mr. Shultz had arrived here earlier on what U.S. officials said was the "final, crucial stage" of his 10-day-old peace mission. He told reporters before leaving Beirut he still thought agreement was possible by the end of the week. But Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem said it had not yet been achieved.

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PLO envoy meets Egyptian minister

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Wednesday discussed the latest Middle East situation with a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee member, Ahmad Zaki Dajani. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the two men discussed the current efforts to settle the Lebanese problem, but gave no further details. This was the first announced meeting between a senior Egyptian official and a PLO member since the Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers last February which criticised Egypt's peace efforts and caused an angry reaction in Cairo.

Iraq offers to free 500 POWs

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has offered to release 500 Iranian prisoners of war in exchange for an equal number of Iraqi soldiers held by Iran, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Wednesday. The agency quoted an official spokesman as saying Iraq had not responded to the offer, made public after the two warring countries exchanged 32 prisoners each through Turkey last weekend.

Finns to have new government Friday

HELSINKI (R) — Four Finnish parties due to form a new coalition have agreed on a government programme and on their shares of portfolios following recent general elections. Political sources said Wednesday 52-year-old Social Democrat Kalevi Sorsa, who heads the caretaker cabinet, would retain the premiership in the new majority government, expected to be appointed by President Mauno Koivisto on Friday.

Iran to brief Gulf on slick

LONDON (R) — A senior Iranian official left Tehran Wednesday on a Gulf tour to explain his country's "willingness" to cooperate in combating a giant oil slick that threatens the waterway, Tehran Radio reported. He was carrying messages from Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati to the foreign ministers of the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain, according to the radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Pope to visit Canada

OTTAWA (R) — Pope John Paul II will fly to Canada on Sept. 9, 1984 for a 10-day visit, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops said Wednesday.

Blasted U.S. embassy 'unfit'

WASHINGTON (R) — American surveyors have decided the U.S. embassy in Beirut was so badly damaged in a bomb blast last month it is unfit for further use, according to State Department spokesman Alan Romberg. More than 50 people, including 17 Americans, died when a bomb in a vehicle exploded outside the embassy on April 18, partly destroying the building.

U.S. secretary of state to visit Syria Saturday

Shultz says Lebanon 'has solid position now'

BEIRUT (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, still lacking agreement on Israeli troop withdrawals from Lebanon, said before returning to Israel Wednesday that he planned to visit Damascus on Saturday for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

After 13 hours of intensive talks here Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. Shultz told reporters in Beirut that the Lebanese government had "really extended itself" and that he would now seek the reaction of the Israeli government.

His decision to visit Damascus reflected the key position of Syria in the troop withdrawal process, though initially Mr. Shultz is trying to get a deal for the departure of Israeli troops.

The Israeli troops are in central and southern Lebanon, but Syria has an estimated 40,000 soldiers in the north and east.

Syria has indicated that it would withdraw only if all Israeli forces pull out. The Lebanese government has made it clear that it is heading the view of its fellow Arab neighbour.

Israeli officials charged Wednesday that Lebanon was giving Syria a veto over its national policies and urged Beirut to stand up to what they called pressure from Damascus.

The Israeli officials, concerned Syria might sabotage a withdrawal agreement, told a press briefing the biggest problem facing the Shultz mission was that Beirut was

Asked whether he thought an agreement could be reached by this weekend, when he is due to fly to Paris, he replied: "It remains to be seen. We'll have to await the reaction of the government of Israel."

To a question as to whether the ball was now in Israel's court, he stated: "I am not putting pressure on anybody. They have their own pressures to consider."

Mr. Salem said the Lebanese government was keeping in close touch with Arab heads of state, informing them of what was happening in the negotiations.

Mr. Salem asked whether an agreement was possible this week, replied: "Mr. Shultz is an American and by nature an optimist. I am from Lebanon and by nature a realist."

"...He (Mr. Shultz) certainly is a very persuasive individual. Behind his gentle manner and method, he's a very tough fellow. And I think if an agreement is to be had, it will be through the efforts of Secretary Shultz."

"Whether the ideas Lebanon is proposing today will be acceptable to Israel, now that's another question. I would say that if these ideas are acceptable then we are on the way to an agreement," the foreign minister stated.

Mr. Shultz unexpectedly spent the night at the palace of President Amin Gemayel outside Beirut instead of at the U.S. ambassador's residence. Two rockets landed near the residence the last time Mr. Shultz slept there, on Saturday night.

"giving the Syrians the right to interfere."

A senior official, who asked not to be named, said Lebanon demanded other nations respect its sovereignty and independence but gave Syria a veto right over its policies.

The official voiced doubt that Mr. Shultz could clinch a withdrawal agreement this week as the secretary of state hoped.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem told reporters in Beirut as he saw Mr. Shultz off Wednesday: "We do not have an agreement, but we have a clear understanding. What we are doing now, we hope will lead to an agreement."

Mr. Salem said the Lebanese government was keeping in close touch with Arab heads of state, keeping them informed.

Mr. Shultz, answering reporters' questions before leaving Beirut, said: "The government of Lebanon has really extended itself in these discussions...we now have a solid position of theirs, so we will present that (to Israel) and see where we go from here."

"But I think it is very desirable to come to a conclusion as rapidly as we can," he added.

PLO reaffirms rejection of U.S. plan

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — A Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader said Wednesday the PLO rejected President Reagan's Middle East peace proposals outright because they ignored the rights of the Palestinians to self-determination and the PLO as the sole representatives of the Palestinian people.

Faruq Kaddoumi, chairman of the PLO's Political Department, told a news conference that Mr. Reagan's offer of self-rule for the West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan was not an adequate basis for a permanent and just solution to the Palestinian problem.

Mr. Kaddoumi, who is here with a PLO delegation to a United Nations-sponsored conference on

Palestinian rights, said the PLO had accepted instead the pan-Arab peace plan which calls for an independent Palestinian state and full recognition of the PLO.

The Arab states adopted the peace plan as the basis for a settlement at the Arab League summit in Fez, Morocco, last September, shortly after Mr. Reagan announced his peace proposals.

Mr. Kaddoumi denied reports that the talks between King Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat stalled because PLO radicals wanted him to take a tougher stance.

He said the U.S. wanted King Hussein to go alone for negotiations "but he said the Palestinians and other Arabs should go with him on the basis of the Fez plan."

He said the deadlock was owing to the Israelis, who obstinately refused to withdraw from occupied territories, and the U.S., which provided them with arms to fight the Palestinians.

He said he was certain U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's current efforts to negotiate a withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon would fail.

"He is not willing to put pressure on the Israelis to withdraw from Lebanon," he said.

While in Kuala Lumpur Mr. Kaddoumi collected 1.59 million ringgit (\$691,000) in donations to the PLO from the Malaysian public. Most of the money was collected by local newspapers.

Iran expels 18 Soviets

LONDON (R) — The Iranian Foreign Ministry Wednesday told 18 Soviet diplomats to leave the country within 48 hours, Iran's national news agency IRNA reported.

The agency, monitored in London, said Soviet Ambassador V.K. Boldyrev was summoned to the ministry and told that the diplomats serving at the embassy in Tehran and elsewhere in the country were *persona non grata* and had to leave.

Tudeh Party dissolved

The expulsion of the diplomats followed an announcement by the revolutionary prosecutor-general

earlier Wednesday that the pro-Soviet Tudeh (Communist) Party was being dissolved. It had been accused of espionage.

Last Saturday the secretary-general of the Tudeh Party, Nouraddin Kianouri, admitted on television that he had spied for Moscow since 1945.

He was quoted as saying: "Our violations consisted of the delivery of top secret military and political documents to our bosses at the Soviet embassy."

Some 70 high-ranking members of the Tudeh, including Mr. Kianouri, were arrested in February and another group of party members late last month.

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China concedes Paris role in Indochina

PEKING (R) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang conceded Wednesday that France had a role to play in Indochina and said it should take advantage of traditional ties to persuade Vietnam to pull its troops out of Kampuchea.

Mr. Zhao was speaking to reporters before beginning talks with French President Francois Mitterrand at which the Kampuchean conflict and sales of French advanced technology topped the agenda.

After two rounds of discussions, the two had an unscheduled meeting Wednesday evening. Mr. Mitterrand had earlier had a one-hour meeting with Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang.

Reliable sources said French and Chinese officials were holding

intense parallel talks in an attempt to reach agreement on a number of technology transfer deals.

These included French participation in building China's first large-scale commercial nuclear power station in Guangdong province near Hong Kong.

Agreement on this appeared to be close. Asked about the chances, Mr. Zhao said he was very optimistic.

The premier's comments on Kampuchea, an issue on which Peking and Paris have recently been at odds, followed a speech Tuesday night by Mr. Mitterrand in which he said France felt a responsibility for Kampuchea and the other Indochinese states it once ruled.

Asked by a reporter if he thought

France could help bring about a solution, Mr. Zhao said: "France is bound to the countries of Indochina by historical, economic and cultural ties."

"Therefore, I think France should be able to play a role in pushing Vietnam into obeying the resolutions adopted by the U.N. General Assembly and by the international conference on Kampuchea," which call for the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops.

Diplomatic sources said they believed it was the first time that China had recognised France's concern for Indochina as legitimate. In the past, Chinese commentators tended to dismiss it as "colonial nostalgia."

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His Majesty King Hussein, Prime Minister Mudar Badran (left) and Director General of Public Security Lt.-Gen. Mohammad Idris (fourth from left) look on as the head of sermons at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Dr. Ahmad Hilayel.

holds the new-born daughter of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, Princess Iman, who was formally named in a special ceremony Wednesday (Petra photo)

New-born princess formally named

AMMAN (Petra) — The newly-born daughter of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor was formally named Iman (Faith) at a special ceremony held at Al Nadwa Palace Wednesday in the presence of the King.

The head of sermons at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs,

Dr. Ahmad Hilayel, performed the naming ceremony of Princess Iman, which was attended by members of the royal family. Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar,

Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Islamic Chief Justice Sheikh Ibrahim Al Qattan and directors of the Public Security Directorate, General Intelligence Department, the army chief of staff and senior members of the Royal Court.

New Andropov offer draws mixed reaction in U.S...

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger Wednesday welcomed a Soviet proposal to count nuclear warheads as well as missiles in European arms control talks but said it left some problems unresolved.

"The idea of agreeing to count warheads is a good thing. We have recommended it for a long time," Mr. Weinberger told a news conference in the first assessment of

the proposal by a senior U.S. official.

But the plan made public by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov Tuesday did not indicate Soviet willingness to make the major cuts in medium-range nuclear weapons wanted by President Reagan, Mr. Weinberger said.

The Soviet Union also wanted British and French nuclear warheads included in the U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva on reducing

medium-range missiles in Europe. The United States and the two European allies are against this.

Mr. Weinberger said another unresolved issue was whether the Soviet Union would destroy any of the three-warhead SS-20 missiles to be withdrawn from the European theatre or simply move them east of the Ural Mountains, where they could pose a threat to U.S. allies in Asia or be moved west in case of war.

Mr. Andropov proposed that Soviet medium-range warheads in Europe be cut to the level of those of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) forces, including France and Britain.

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Malaysia assails Western media

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Malaysia, host to a regional conference on Palestinian rights, Wednesday attacked the Western media for what it called hypocrisy and lack of balance in covering the Palestinian problem.

Information Minister Adib Adam told delegates from nearly 40 Asia-Pacific countries that the Western media had deliberately distorted facts in a "concerted effort to lull the world into avoiding the issue and forgetting the core of the problem."

"Thanks to their devious efforts the image of a Palestinian has become associated with terrorism," Mr. Adib added, in Malaysia's statement on the second day of the five-day conference.

The meeting, sponsored by the United Nations, is the fourth in a

Red Cross visits two Israeli prisoners

DAMASCUS (R) — Two Israeli soldiers held by a Palestinian commando group Tuesday received their first visit from the International Red Cross since they were captured in Lebanon last September, a PLO official said.

Lack of information on the two Israelis has been a major obstacle in long-running efforts to secure an exchange of prisoners between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Fadi Shrouf, spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), which is holding the two Israelis, told reporters here they were visited by a local Red Cross representative and a doctor Tuesday evening.

The PLO is offering to swap eight Israeli prisoners captured in eastern Lebanon for 1,000 Palestinians held in Israeli jails and more than 5,000 detainees held by Israel in southern Lebanon.

...and cautious welcome in West Europe

LONDON (R) — The Western allies Wednesday gave a guarded welcome to a proposal by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to count the number of warheads, as well as missiles, in talks on curbing medium-range nuclear forces in Europe.

They greeted Mr. Andropov's offer, made in a Moscow speech Tuesday night, as a sign of willingness to move at the deadlocked negotiations which resume in Geneva on May 17.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said he hoped it was "a signal the Russians will now begin to negotiate seriously at Geneva."

But officials rejected Moscow's continued insistence on including the French and British deterrents in assessing a balance of intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Branding this "unrealistic and unacceptable," British Minister of State for Defence Peter Blaker said Moscow's aim was to undermine the NATO alliance's plan to start stationing 572 U.S. cruise

and perishing missiles in five European countries from the end of this year if there is no agreement at Geneva.

If the British and French forces were taken into account, the Soviet Union would have a monopoly of land-based intermediate nuclear missiles in Europe, he said.

Mr. Blaker said Moscow wanted to include the British and French deterrents—which London and Paris see as independent of NATO and strategic, rather than medium-range—to bolster its claim that parity between Western and Soviet forces already exists.

"That is a claim they cannot possibly sustain," he said.

But Mr. Blaker, like officials in other NATO capitals, welcomed the proposal to include warheads as "a move in the direction of greater realism."

The West has been insisting on a count of warheads because Moscow's SS-20 missiles can carry three nuclear charges each.

Officials in Paris reaffirmed France's view that France was not

Italian parliament dissolved

ROME (R) — Italian President Sandro Pertini Wednesday dissolved parliament in preparation for early general elections in June, the president's office announced.

The president and Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani signed a decree dissolving both the upper and lower houses of the legislature.

Mr. Pertini's decision follows the collapse on Friday of the four-party coalition government led by Mr. Fanfani.

Elections were not due until next year, but the Socialist Party, which provoked the government collapse by withdrawing its support, called strongly for an early poll and made the formation of a new coalition impossible.

Acting under the terms of the constitution, Mr. Pertini received the leaders of both houses of parliament, Lower House Speaker Nilde Iotti and Senate Leader Tommaso Morino, before taking the decision to dissolve parliament.

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Kenyan daily criticises ties with Israel

NAIROBI (R) — Kenya's best-selling newspaper, the Daily Nation, indirectly criticised the government Wednesday for allowing a tour here of the Bar-Dor dance company of Israel.

Kenya broke diplomatic relations with Israel 10 years ago, but the Israeli presence in the country is stronger than before, particularly in the construction field, informed sources said.

The Daily Nation, which is owned by the Aga Khan, head of the Ismaili Muslim community, and is more critical of Israel than other Kenyan newspapers, wrote:

"There are those who argue that it does not do much for Kenya's image to reject political links with Israel and yet conduct cultural exchanges with the same country. They argue it is incongruous and even hypocritical."

"They argue that as an active member of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), which Kenya is currently chairing, we should know that cultural exchanges with Israel mean a lot politically."

The Bar-Dor troupe arrives here at the weekend after appearing in Kinshasa, Zaire and is to

give five performances.

In Wednesday's editorial and in recent news stories about the tour, the Daily Nation objected to a reference to Africa as the "dark continent" in a brochure issued by the dance company.

"We all know that the term 'dark continent' was coined by colonialists who thought Africans were half-development human beings, or sub-humans. How then can a well meaning guest of Africa pick up the term from history's dustbin and use it?" the newspaper wrote.

'Hitler approved Hess mission to U.K.'

HAMBURG (R) — The West German magazine Stern published the first major extracts from the purported Hitler diaries Wednesday, which it said showed he approved plans by his deputy Rudolf Hess to fly to Britain in 1941.

The magazine quoted passages both from the diaries, whose authenticity is disputed by historians, and a special volume relating to the Hess flight.

Mr. Hess, imprisoned as a Nazi war criminal in 1946 and now the only prisoner in West Berlin's Spandau jail, flew to Britain in May 1941, on a mysterious and abortive mission apparently

aimed at sounding out prospects for a peace deal with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Stern said that Hitler, in an entry headed "the plan" in the special volume, wrote down the three alternative responses which he had agreed with Hess depending on the outcome of the flight.

"1) If the mission achieves its aim and Hess is successful, he has operated with my approval. 2) If Hess is arrested as a spy in England, he informed me once of the plan earlier but I rejected it. 3) If his mission fails completely, I will say that Hess was acting in madness," the extracts in Stern said.

The list of alternatives, according to Stern, was written after the failure of the mission, during which Hess parachuted into Scotland, and after Hitler had issued a statement dissociating himself from it.

Stern called for Hess, now aged 89, to be allowed to verify the extracts.

Diary entries from the summer of 1939, only weeks before the outbreak of World War II, also indicate that Hess had been giving considerable thought to the threat from England and that Hitler was interested in his unusual solution.

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HOME NEWS

Hassan calls for youth mobilisation

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has suggested that national mobilisation should start with children because Jordan is one of the confrontation states facing Israel.

Prince Hassan was speaking at the opening session of the third Forum Humanum seminar which started Tuesday at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office in Amman.

Prince Hassan was commenting on a working paper entitled "Youth and Social Change" submitted by Dr. Ali Al Zaghari from the humanities department at Yarmouk University and another on "National Mobilisation and the Role of Young People," presented by Dr. Mamdouh Al Abbadi from the National Consultative Council.

"For participation to be effective, Jordanian students should also be given more opportunities to serve their nation by conducting scientific research and other useful work," Prince Hassan said.

Prince Hassan then proposed that Forum Humanum adopt four slogans: Faith, Ethics, Knowledge and Work.

In explaining these slogans, Prince Hassan said that faith should embody the spiritual and national



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, flanked by Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufli (right) and Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar (left), attends a session of the Forum Humanum seminar (Petra photo).

concepts, ethics contains language, religion, social conduct and sporting activities, and knowledge should embody priorities in education to meet the country's various needs. These, he said, should

be adopted throughout the nation's various higher institutes of learning and community colleges.

The seminar continued its sessions into Wednesday evening.

International Traffic Day marked

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Wednesday marked International Traffic Day with a special ceremony held at Al Hussein Youth City under the slogan "Human life is our most precious possession."

Addressing the ceremony, the Ministry of the Interior's Under-Secretary Hashem Abu Abboud said that annual ceremonies will be held to commemorate the anniversary in view of the great number of casualties that result on the roads.

The volume of road victims greatly exceed those that have fallen in wars, been killed in natural disasters and have died in contagious diseases, he said.

The rate of accidents in Jordan, he added, puts a heavy burden on a society which is still developing,

and requires drastic measures to put debilitating problem. The Interior Ministry is now mobilising all its resources and exerting all possible efforts to find a means of reducing road accidents in Jordan and to stop rash and reckless driving that invariably causes such tragedies, Mr. Abu Abboud said.

Also addressing the ceremony was Dr. Mohammad Bashir Sharim, a member of the traffic awareness committee, who spoke about the number of accidents

comparing them with accidents in other countries. "For every 1,000 cars in the developed countries five people are killed in road accidents, while in Jordan the figure jumps to 100 persons for every 1,000 cars," Dr. Sharim said.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Interior Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat distributed special awards to drivers who had not committed any traffic violations between the years of 1929 and 1944, and handed similar awards to a number of those maimed or injured in road accidents in Jordan.

Mr. 'Obeidat also distributed prizes to a number of Public Security personnel in recognition of their remarkable efforts in keeping order on the streets and in controlling traffic within the Amman area. He also honoured a

The ceremony was attended by the Ministers of Culture and Youth, Ma'an Abu Nowar, and Public Works, Awni Al Masri, in addition to the Amman Governor Yahya Al Mousili, and senior officials from the Interior Ministry, the Public Security Department, and the Civil Defence Department.

Hassan condoles Qusous family

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday delegated the director of his office Mr. Raja'i Dajani to convey his condolence to the Qusous family on the death of Musa Qusous.

Soviet offer draws mixed reaction

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would not accept such a proposal. It was like the United States asking to include Soviet long-range missiles at the Geneva talks. Since the French and British position was well known, the Soviet proposal could be a way for Moscow to deadlock the talks without appearing to be to blame, Mr. Weinberger said.

At the bilateral Geneva talks, the United States first proposed a so-called "zero option" under which NATO would drop plans to deploy 572 Pershing-2 and low-flying cruise missiles in Europe if Moscow agreed to dismantle its comparable weapons, including

new SS-20s and older SS-4s and SS-5s. The Soviet Union rejected the offer and Mr. Reagan later called for an interim cut on both sides as a step towards total elimination of the Soviet and U.S. medium-range weapons.

Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam Wednesday said he saw little new in the Soviet offer other than the willingness to count warheads.

He told the Senate Appropriations Committee that Moscow was simply trying to prevent deployment of the U.S. Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Europe beginning late this year

without giving anything up.

Soviet allies meanwhile lauded Mr. Andropov's proposal, described by the Bulgarian news agency BTA as a "just and clear formula" ensuring equal security for the Soviet Union and NATO.

"With this formula Moscow makes the question of an agreement in Geneva still more understandable not only to the governments but also to the peoples," BTA said.

In Budapest, the Hungarian news agency MTI described the proposal as another Soviet move to halt "Euro-escalation" and to achieve equal security at a lower level of missiles and warheads.

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between the two sides' positions. Denis Healey, deputy leader of Britain's Labour Party, said Moscow had made an important change of stand and the West should agree to include the French and British forces in the counting.

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns welcomed in principle "anything that can help break the deadlock" at Geneva, his spokesman said. "But this general consideration does not mean that Andropov's shift will have that result."

Though Mr. Andropov did not spell out any arithmetic, NATO diplomats saw his proposal as a

possible sign of Soviet willingness to bring down the number of its SS-20s in Europe from an estimated 240 to fewer than 100.

Since each SS-20 carries three warheads and Moscow estimates the 162 French and British missiles have 290 warheads, his proposal could mean Moscow would not be allowed to deploy more than 97 triple-headed SS-20s, they calculated.

The diplomats said this would be a step forward on the last Soviet offer to pare its missile arsenal to 162, equal to the number held by France and Britain.

But inclusion of aircraft in a limitation accord, as well as land-based missiles, would greatly

complicate the Geneva talks, they said.

British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym said Mr. Andropov's speech was "a hopeful sign, however slight."

He told a radio interviewer: "Only if the superpowers brought about changes of a radical nature so that the strategic balance is quite different in character would we be prepared for our position on our nuclear deterrent to be reconsidered."

Mr. Pym said Mr. Andropov's offer to use warheads rather than missiles as the unit of account was "a step in the right direction, albeit a modest one."

Tehran orders out 18 Soviets

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A senior Iranian official said two days ago that "all those who were engaged in treason and who had conspired to overthrow the Islamic republic have been arrested."

Moscow reacted angrily to the February arrests but has withheld comment on Mr. Khamenei's televised confession.

On Tuesday, the Soviet Union protested strongly to the United States over alleged distortions of its policy towards Iran.

The official news agency TASS said Washington officials had made "crude insinuations that Iran is under constant threat from the north and that it could be the object of Soviet invasion."

IRNA said the Soviet diplomats to be expelled were accused of interfering in the internal affairs of Iran through establishing contacts and taking advantage of "treacherous and mercenary agents."

The agency said the diplomats included three advisers, four first secretaries, one second secretary, two third secretaries and four attaches, including two colonels and a major.

Also among the expelled diplomats was the Soviet consul at Isfahan in central Iran.

IRNA quoted the Foreign Ministry statement as saying: "this blatant interference is an open violation of diplomatic relations and of internationally-recognised principles, as well as detrimental to healthy relations of coexistence."

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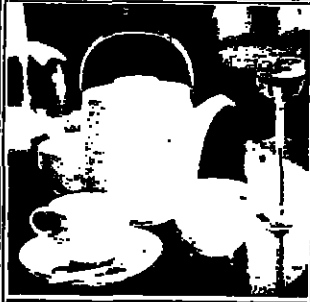
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HOME NEWS

Jordan to observe Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan, along with all Arab and Islamic nations, will observe Al Isra' Wal Mi'raj, the anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's nocturnal journey to Jerusalem and his ascension to and return from heaven, Tuesday May 10.

To mark the occasion, all government departments and public institutions will be closed in accordance with an official communiqué issued by the prime minister's office Wednesday.

Also to commemorate the anniversary, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will hold special ceremonies throughout the country's mosques.

Arab atlas 1st stage completed

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-day meeting of a special committee engaged in preparing a comprehensive atlas of the Arab World ended at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office Wednesday after reviewing the steps taken in compiling the first and second stages of the project.

The committee, which had been given the brief by the Union of Arab Universities (UAU), apart from preparing the atlas, is also making individual detailed maps for the whole of the Arab region, as well as educational maps for use in schools, according to Dr. Yahya Al Farhan, a committee member and chief editor of the atlas.

The first stage of the project, which involves geological and topographic survey, has already been carried out.



Members of the special committee engaged in preparing a comprehensive atlas of the Arab World hold a meeting at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office Wednesday (Petra photo)

Malaysia assails media

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series of preparatory conferences leading to a U.N. international conference on the Palestinian question in Paris in August.

"Let not the moguls who control these media forget that the very people they claim to be the victims of Palestine terrorism are led by persons whose own leaves have been devoted to violence and terrorism..." Mr. Adib said.

The conference, which is being attended by 14 foreign ministers, has taken as its theme "Palestine and World Politics" and will pass on its deliberations to the Paris meeting.

That conference should call on the two superpowers and their allies to work together for the return

of peace and justice to the peoples of the Middle East, Indonesia's Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja told the meeting.

"Peace will not return to the Middle East without the combined efforts of the countries which, through their power, have a major say in the present configuration of world politics," he said.

He added that the international community had become more aware that the core of the Middle East problem was the denial to the Palestinian people of their inalienable right to establish an independent state.

About 300 delegates are attending the conference, including a strong delegation from the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

'Hitler approved Hess flight'

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Stern said.

It quoted an entry from June 26, 1939, as saying: "Hess sent me a personal note on the England problem. I didn't think that this Hess could think so sharply. This note is very, very interesting."

On the following day an extract read: "Thought about the note from Hess all night. Absolutely must speak to him about it in private."

Another on June 28, 1939, said: "Am reading Hess's note again. Just fantastic, and yet so simple."

Stern said that a further reference on July 6, 1939, made clear that Hitler was still thinking about Hess's undisclosed suggestion.

"Hess should develop the tho-

ughts which he outlined in his note to me, and I expect him for a private talk."

Stern, while producing several quotes from 1939, gave no further quotes to back up its statement that Hitler knew of Hess's flight in May 1941, at the time it took place.

Stern said that Hitler and Hess finally had their private talk in late July 1939, discussing the technical problems involved in making a secret flight to Britain.

As evidence for this, it quoted an entry of July 22, 1939, as saying: "Have (Luftwaffe chief Hermann) Goering with me again. Made careful enquiries what range our best aircraft have. Conversations with Hess. Told him about talk with Goering."

JTV screens CBS nuclear arms debate Friday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordanian Television is to screen an American programme on the nuclear arms race this Friday.

The programme, which is a Columbia Broadcasting Service (CBS) production, is entitled "The Great Nuclear Arms Debate".

The debate to be chaired by Walter Cronkite, and will be aired on Friday evening between 8:30 10:30 p.m.

Danish firm to assist in vocational training

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Danish International Engineering Firm "Dan Group" is to help the Ministry of Education to carry out vocational training programmes, in accordance with an agreement worth just under \$500,000 signed here Wednesday.

Under the agreement, the Danish firm will dispatch three specialists in the vocational field to work at the industrial school at Mafrag for 20 months to help improve the skills and potentials of Jordanian instructors there.

In addition, eight Jordanian instructors will be sent on a four month course to Denmark to receive supplementary tuition in preparation for a new training programme to be drawn up by the "Dan Group's" specialists.

The European Economic Community (EEC) which will finance the training project, has previously paid for the construction of the Mafrag industrial school as well as fully furnishing it and supplying it with its machinery. The industrial school was opened for training in 1980.

Wednesday's agreement was signed by the Ministry of Education's secretary-general Dr. Abdul Latif Arabiyat and a representative from the "Dan Group" in the presence of the EEC representative in Amman.

Students stage powerful play

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Royal Cultural Centre and Yarmouk University are sponsoring two performances by the Yarmouk University Theatre Section, of "The Brig" by Kenneth H. Brown to be performed at the Royal Cultural Centre today, and Friday.

This powerful play, which has just been performed at Yarmouk University to considerable acclaim, is being mounted by 2nd and 3rd year students of the Theatre Section of the Department of Fine Arts.

The play is set in "The Brig", a U.S. Marine Corps short term prison, and involves the interplay of prisoners both with each other and with the prison officers who are all caught within the context and confines of "The Brig". The play, at times stark at times funny but at all times moving, promises an exciting and stimulating evening at the theatre.

Court fines more traders

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 145 Jordanian traders have been fined by the military court JD 40 each for violating Ministry of Supply regulations.

Another 35 merchants have been fined JD 35 each for similar offences and 23 more were fined JD 30 also for violating reg-

ulations. Other sentences included a fine of JD 70 imposed on three other merchants, JD 200 for nine merchants, while another merchant will pay JD 150 for similar offences. All sentences were endorsed by the military governor Wednesday.

Mass media seminar to begin

AMMAN (J.T.) — A 10-day regional seminar on the influence of the mass communications media on the educational process in the Arab World will be opened at the Yarmouk University's Liaison Office Saturday.

The seminar, which is organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Information, as well as the University of Jordan and Algeria, Tunisia, Sudan, Syria,

Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, North Yemen and Bahrain.

Participants will discuss a number of working papers that focus on the teaching skills necessary to employ mass media to help educate students, and how they can best be developed.

Jordan is to be represented at the seminar by a number of specialists from the ministries of Education and Information, as well as the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University.

Italy dissolves parliament

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Earlier Wednesday, Mr. Morino ended a last-ditch attempt to see if elections could be avoided, but was unable to break the political deadlock.

In the last elections, held in 1979, the Christian Democrats won 38 per cent of the vote, the Communists 30 per cent and the Socialists just under 10 per cent. The rest went to smaller parties.

This is the fourth time parliament has been dissolved ahead of its five-year term since the foundation of the republic after World War II, and the second time that Mr. Pertini has decided on an early poll.

He dissolved parliament in April 1979, two years ahead of its full term, after the collapse of the fourth government of former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti.

Because Socialist support is effectively necessary to give a working majority to any government coalition which excludes the Communist Party, the Socialists' decision to press for an early poll made any other move difficult for Mr. Pertini Wednesday.

Socialist leader Bettino Craxi had said repeatedly that the political situation needed to be cla-

rified to allow Italy's pressing economic problems to be tackled.

On the basis of opinion polls, the Socialists are hoping for gains in the June election.

Political sources said Mr. Pertini would decide the date on the basis of a recommendation from the outgoing government, which meets Wednesday.

The most likely date is June 26, when local elections are already due to be held, but the sources said June 19 was also possible. A minimum electoral campaign of 45 days is required under the constitution.

Mr. Fanfani, a Christian Democrat, told reporters he would inform the president Thursday of the date on which the ministers wanted elections.

His outgoing cabinet is made up of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats and Liberals.

The legislature dissolved Wednesday was the eighth since the foundation of the republic. Its four-year span saw six governments, four of them led by Christian Democrats and two by the first prime minister of the small Republican Party, Giovanni Spadolini.

Italy has had 43 post-war governments.

China concedes French role

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One source said too much should not be read into the premier's words. "I think Zhao was saying: 'Okay, you have privileged ties with Hanoi, now use them to further our common goal of getting the troops out.'"

There has, in fact, been no sign that China accepts France's argument for resuming humanitarian and financial aid to Hanoi, that this could speed a military withdrawal from Kampuchea and lessen Vietnam's economic dependence on Moscow.

Mr. Zhao told French Television this week: "China's ex-

perience shows that this position is baseless and incapable of producing results."

Both France and China say they want to see the restoration of an independent, free and neutral Kampuchean state.

While Peking backs the Khmer Rouge insurgents fighting the Vietnamese military occupation, Mr. Mitterrand rejects the idea that they might regain the power they held from 1975 to 1979.

He told Mr. Zhao Tuesday night that while France would never recognise the Hanoi-installed Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh, it could not accept a return of the "bloody and inexcusable" Khmer Rouge.

For the first time in Jordan the opening of the Professional Clothing Company



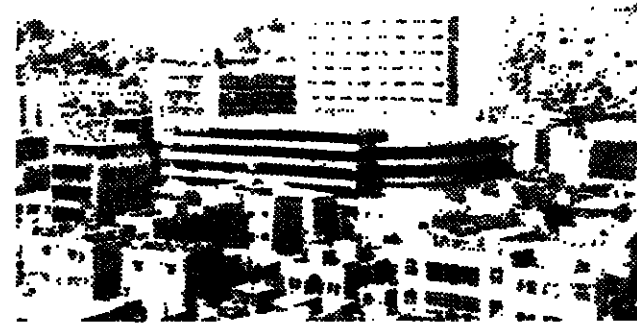
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Deaf children break through isolation in Salt

By David Ward

The conversation stopped in mid-sentence. The air vibrated as a low-flying jet fighter screamed over the school.

The visitors looked at one another. But the children in the school heard nothing. All of them are deaf, or have seriously impaired hearing. Most of them are Palestinian refugees. The school at Salt, near Amman, Jordan is known officially as the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf.

The title "institute" belies the odd mixture of buildings which it comprises. Visitors arrive through a gateway which leads into an open area of steam-rollered masonry.

This is the site of what was an old dilapidated hospital, recently demolished. The hospital has been replaced by a new building with dormitories, paid for largely by the World Council of Churches, and a West German charity, "Bread for the World". The rest of the school is in prefabricated rooms and a low stone-block building built more than 50 years ago.

A new kitchen/dining room and storeroom building was also recently completed.

The director of the institute is Brother Andrew L. de Carpentier, a tall bearded man dressed in the

black and white cassock of his brotherhood, the Christian Deaf Community. He has spent more than five years in Lebanon and Jordan.

The institute was founded in 1964 as the first of its kind in Jordan. It had 36 pupils.

UNRWA is closely involved with the institute. Of the 81 places for deaf youngsters today, 65 pupils are placed by the agency. 60 on a fee-paying basis and five free of charge. Brother Andrew admits that his school can handle only a small proportion of those who need help. "We are touching the tip of the iceberg," he says.

There are no accurate statistics on the deaf in Jordan. Based on the average world figure of 0.2 per cent incidence, it is estimated that there are some 3,000 deaf children under the age of 15, and about 3,500 over 15, but the real total is probably much higher.

Almost all illness which leads to high fever can, if untreated, cause damage to the hearing. Meningitis is common, rubella (German measles) is becoming less so. There are also problems associated with living in remote areas, a fear of doctors, and reliance on old and sometimes ineffective local customs for treating sickness.

Brother Andrew considers that for every child accepted by the five



Classrooms are fitted with sound amplifiers and headphones to aid individual and group teaching

special schools for the deaf in Jordan there are eight who cannot be found places.

About half of the children at the institute were born deaf. Sometimes their handicap is hereditary, sometimes it has been caused by inadequate medical care or over-medication of pregnant women. The incidence of hereditary deafness is aggravated by inter-marriage.

"This is your son"

Until a few years ago the institute used to try to publicise its work because families hid their children. "They were not willing to admit, to the family, to the world at large, that they had a handicapped child in the family."

With the setting up of schools and institutions, "people started coming out into the open and now the influx is too great; we can't handle it all."

Often children are brought to the institute and abandoned. Says Brother Andrew: "There is a beautiful way of saying it in Arabic: 'This is your son, or your daughter'. And" he went on, "if we are not very careful we won't see the family again."

For those who are accepted into the Salt Institute, their main task is to learn the tools of communication, basically speech and

lip reading. Sign language is also used but not officially taught.

The second aim is to teach the older children self-reliance. "When they leave we don't want them to feel they are at the bottom rung of the ladder, which is why we have started a vocational training programme which will help develop skills in particular trades."

"When they leave at 16 to 17 they can sell their skills as craftsmen, and have some pride in what they can achieve. This extra self-respect, compared with others of the same age who are not handicapped, helps to reduce the disadvantages which come from not being able to hear."

For the best results, deaf children need an early start at the school. Ideally, says Brother Andrew, they should begin at the age of two or three. For beginners above the age of six, significant progress becomes difficult.

The school has two trained teachers and a scheme for in-service training. The classes are divided into groups of up to 10 pupils each.

In 1978, six classrooms were fitted with sound amplifiers, with the use of headphones, aid individual and group teaching. The walls of the prefabricated buildings are so thin that the amplified sound can be heard throughout the school.

Once a basic knowledge of Arabic and English is obtained, the pupils follow the normal Jordanian government syllabus, with the addition of domestic chores to give a sense of social responsibility and awareness. There are also shared activities such as outings with other schools, to break through the isolation imposed by hearing difficulties.

The scope for future development is enormous. Brother Andrew hopes to reduce the starting age to two or three years of age (now five or six) with counselling for parents. At the same time a special course is needed for late starters.

During the seventh year of the elementary school the students follow a part-time pre-vocational training programme. A first attempt was made in 1976 on a full vocational training course for 8th and 9th grades, with shoe repairing, carpentry and hairdressing for men, but this was discontinued for lack of space.

In 1978, the project was re-examined and it was decided to provide training in metalwork, car servicing, and car body repair work, which began a year later.

Ideally a social worker will be recruited to the staff to expand the existing limited interviewing, counselling and follow-up work with parents.

"God will provide"

Brother Andrew and his staff tried to gauge the success of their work by, three years ago, setting up a clubhouse for the deaf.

"I think they have done well," he says. "The key word here is integration... which is what education and training of the deaf is all about. And there is no doubt that those who have been here have done better than those who have had no training at all. So it is certainly worth our while."

Basic funds for the institute come from UNRWA and the rest comes mainly from private contributions. Thus none of the backing is guaranteed.

Brother Andrew admits the future is uncertain. There is a group of people in Holland and Switzerland in an organisation known as Allah Karim (God provides) and, he says, "That will continue."

"But," he adds, "we rely a lot on the goodwill of people interested in this field of special education to help us, to expand the programme... and to be very frank, if there were no such people around, both in Jordan and especially in Europe, then we would close down."

— Palestine Refugees Today (UNRWA)

Randa Habib's CORNER

Why aren't they at school?

Every time you stop at a traffic light you have to face a real physical and verbal assault.

Young boys selling chewing gum, sweets or lottery tickets surround your car knocking at your windows until you open them so that they can ask you to buy what they are selling.

Soon, with the end of the scholastic year, the number of children will increase and it will become unbearable to stop at traffic lights.

The car traveller is faced with the following dilemma: Refuse to buy anything and thus bear their insolent pleas or even insults, or to cut things short and buy what is offered, knowing that the money will more often than not be spent on cigarettes.

The crucial question is the following: what are these children doing in the streets? Rain or shine, day or evening, what are they doing out? They are old enough to go to school but definitely not old enough to work.

The Ministry of Social Affairs should start a campaign to pick up this small business world from the streets. But, most important, the ministry should closely study the problem of these children whose parents are either too irresponsible or too poor to keep them at home.

The other day I saw a woman, who apparently had been pestered by one of these little vendors, get out of her car and mistreat the boy. Such situations should not be allowed to persist.

Opinion -- Al Ra'i

No jobs for Jordanians?

By Tareq Masarwah

A non-Jordanian contracting company is implementing a Jordanian construction project for JD 7 million, and employs not more than seven Jordanians, whose net salaries reach no more than JD 1,000 per month. Meanwhile a state corporation advertises its need for an engineer, and received 120 applications from Jordanian engineers.

This is no fiction, but hard reality. The company is one that employs a great number of British and Indian engineers and labourers, and a symbolic number of Jordanians, while the government corporation is a real one which is seriously in need of an engineer.

I have no intention here of tackling a crucial issue like education and manpower planning in Jordan, or the human import-export trade that exports a costly workforce and imports a cheaper one to replace it.

I simply mean to concentrate on one point -- that of implementing the regulations and labour code laid down by the Ministry of Labour itself. Such a code provides for the employment of a minimum 25 per cent of Jordanians in the workforce of any construction company undertaking projects in Jordan.

We now have considerable numbers of unemployed engineers; and in the coming few years, thousands of fresh graduates will find themselves lost in a labour market that offers them one of two alternatives: to content themselves with being jobless, or to leave the country and seek employment abroad.

Aren't we entitled to wonder why the Ministry of Labour does not interfere to persuade foreign companies working in construction to hire Jordanians? Why does the ministry facilitate the import of British, Indian, Chinese, Korean and Filipino workers, while Jordanian engineers walk the streets of Amman and other Jordanian cities?

It might be too ambitious of us to ask the ministries of labour and public works to investigate the setting up of giant local construction companies by Jordanian investors and engineers. But it is only human to have aspirations. Perhaps such companies would be able to overcome the usual criticisms of the inefficiency, low productivity and loss of time classically attributed to local labour. Might this not eventually open up Arab markets to Jordanian products instead of Jordanians themselves?

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16:30 Cartoon
17:10 The Munch Bunch
17:50 Nans Anderson
18:50 Big Blue Marble
19:00 Local Programme
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Arabic Series
21:30 Arabic Play
23:00 News in Arabic

FOREIGN CHANNEL

19:00 French Programme
19:00 News in French
19:30 News in Hebrew
20:30 Maggie
21:10 The Foundation
22:00 News in English
22:15 Movie of the Week: "Mary Jane
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14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Instrumentals
14:30 Young Sound
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:05 Instrumentals, Old Favorites
17:00 Special Feature, Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:05 Music Makers
19:00 News Desk
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21:00 News Summary
22:00 Evening Show
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SPORTS

China's Jian favourite to claim world badminton title

COPENHAGEN (R) — Second-seeded Han Jian of China staked his claim for serious consideration at the World Badminton Championships Tuesday by blitzing Darren McDonald of Australia 15-5, 15-1 in his opening match.

The 26-year-old Chinese, who skipped the All-England Championships in London five weeks ago to prepare for this event, showed just why many here regard him as a prime candidate to take the men's singles title.

Han, who won both his singles matches to help China lift the Thomas Cup men's team title from Indonesia in London a year ago, showed he has lost none of the speed and flair which make him such a formidable opponent.

His victory came on a day when the International Badminton Fed-

eration (IBF) announced major changes to the Thomas and Uber Cup men's and women's team events.

From next year they will be combined with the finals played simultaneously at the same venue, still to be decided, and the nine-match format will be reduced to five matches—three singles and two doubles—in each round.

The two events will also hold their finals every two years, instead of every three. The World Championships, which have also been held every three years since their inception in 1977, will in future also be staged every two years, the next one in 1985.

While Han was winning comfortably, another seed, joint number five Misbun Sidek of Malaysia, encountered considerable dif-

ficulty from an unexpected source.

He found himself trailing in both games before he could finally subdue Nigerian qualifier Samson Egbeyemi 15-8, 15-8.

The Nigerians are one of the minnows taking on the bigger badminton fish this week but Egbeyemi, 26, refused to be baited by the situation.

He led 4-0 and 6-4 in the games. "I was not surprised to be leading because I had made up my mind to give him a tough match," he said later.

"I felt afterwards I had done poorly because I started each game so well and should have finished better. But I loved being out there and the crowd gave me a lot of encouragement."

Misbun's experience ultimately carried him through.

Mikkola the man to beat in Corsican motor rally

AJACCIO, Corsica (R) — Finland's Hannu Mikkola has the chance to distance himself from his main rivals in the World Championship battle in the Corsica motor rally which begins Thursday.

Mikkola, who drives an Audi Quattro, already boasts a healthy lead in the championship table after four events. He has 65 points, 28 more than second-placed Michele Mouton of France.

The Finn, whose expertise behind the wheel has brought him 14 victories in 76 world championship events, is likely to face his stiffest challenge from Mouton, whose Audi Quattro took her to second place in the Portuguese rally and third place in the African safari event, West German Walter Rohrl, winner of the Monte Carlo rally, and fellow Finn Ari

Vatanen. Lancia driver Rohrl is third in the world standings with 32 points behind Vatanen—winner of the safari event—with 34.

A total of 180 cars will roar away from the place d'Austerlitz in Ajaccio in the morning on the first stage of the 1,720 km rally over some of the toughest roads in Europe.

The team battle will almost certainly be between Lancia and Audi. The Italian factory is pitting its specially-developed Lancia four-wheel drive Audi Quattros.

The official Lancia team is Rohrl, Jean-Claude Andruet of

France, Italy's Attilio Bettega, who was badly injured in a crash during last year's event, and Finn Marku Allen.

Audi are fielding their usual team of Mikkola, Mouton, and Austria's Frank Wittmann.

Andruet said the hardest part of the course would be at the start of the second stage.

"The road on the special Prunelli section and the fast Speluncata descent, between the mountain on one side and the Ravine on the other, is in a very bad state."

"When you hit a pothole going at 150 kms an hour it gives you a big fright," he added.

S.African boxing show scrapped

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The six-million dollar double world title boxing bill which was to have been staged at a casino hotel complex in South Africa have been cancelled, the promoters said Tuesday.

Local hotel magnate Sol Kerzner and American promoter Bob Arum have spent several days attempting to salvage the double bill, which was to have included a concert by Frank Sinatra, following a sparring injury to World Boxing

Association (WBA) lightweight champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini.

After a freak punch by a sparring partner broke Mancini's collar bone, Kerzner and Arum attempted to sign up middleweight champion Marvin Hagler in a title defence.

But a disappointed Kerzner told a press conference: "It was impossible to put together a substitute promotion."

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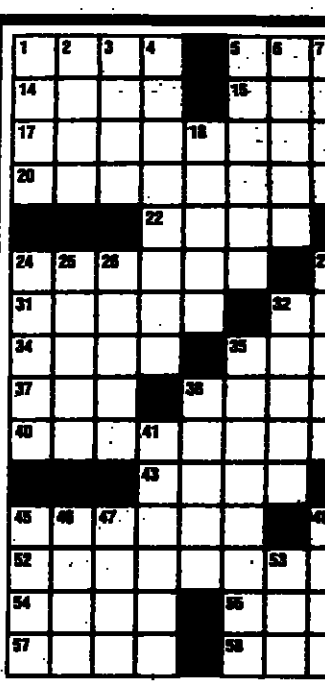
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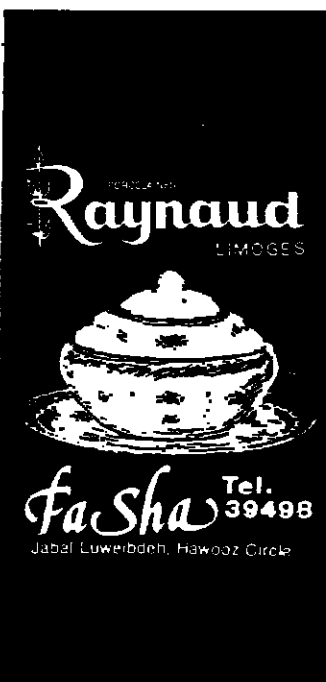
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ECONOMY

Government intervenes in Sotheby's takeover bid

LONDON (R) — A bid by two self-made American millionaires to take over the London-based international auction house of Sotheby Parke Bernet was temporarily blocked Wednesday by the British government.

Sotheby's, which has sold everything from art masterpieces to a bra belonging to Marilyn Monroe, has been bitterly opposing the bid by U.S. businessmen Stephen Swid and Marshall Cogan.

Sotheby's executives complained that the two Americans, who made their fortunes trading stocks and now own companies making furniture and furnishings, were "the wrong people."

There was relief at Sotheby's Wednesday when trade secretary Lord Cockfield intervened, referring the £61 million (\$96 million) takeover bid to the monopolies commission.

The American bid now lapses to await the findings of the monopolies commission, which has six months to report whether the proposed takeover would be against public interests.

Sotheby's shares plunged on the news way below the takeover price of £5.20 (\$8.05), wiping nearly \$10 million (\$15.7 million) off the total market value.

The shares, which perked up Tuesday on news of a possible rival bid from an undisclosed U.S. company, fell £0.85 (\$1.33) to £4.40 (\$6.90).

A trade department spokesman said Lord Cockfield did not see competition as an issue but felt that in view of the public interest, the proposed takeover should be closely examined.

Art experts said one of the issues would be if the London art trade, with its valuable foreign currency earnings, could be damaged by a Swid-Cogan takeover. They said the issue would not be American ownership as such.

Merchant bankers Morgan Grenfell, advisers to Swid and Cogan, said the Americans had not yet decided whether to abandon their bid or argue their case before the commission. They regretted that the ensuing uncertainty could only be damaging to Sotheby's and the London art market.

Swid and Cogan have built up a 29.8 per cent stake in Sotheby's, which has interests in five continents and owns the Parke Bernet gallery in New York.

They stepped in after Sotheby's last year lost money for the first time in its 270-year history and was overtaken in sales on the London art market by arch rival Christie's. The directors say the company will return to profitability in 1983.

GMC, Isuzu to build car complex in Egypt

OCTOBER 6TH CITY, Egypt (R) — Senior executives of General Motors Corporation (GMC) and Japan's Isuzu Company, together with private investors, Tuesday approved construction of a vehicle manufacturing complex in this infant city in the western desert.

The plant, some 40 kilometres southwest of Cairo, is scheduled to produce 18,000 vehicles a year from the spring of 1985 and provide employment for 1,200 people.

The complex was declared underway in an official ceremony after what a GMC official said had been a six-year struggle with Egypt's investment authorities.

The product programme will include Isuzu light and medium duty trucks up to the 10-tonne range and Isuzu buses.

The plant is also expected to assist and improve the local motor industry by purchasing locally-made parts.

Mr. James Waters, GMC's vice-president, said General Motors holds 31 per cent of the \$20 million equity, with Isuzu holding 20 per cent and the remaining 49 per cent held by Egyptian, Kuwaiti and Saudi investors.

Egypt, which has a growing demand for vehicles, has only one local car assembly factory, Nasr Automotive Manufacturing Company (Nasco).

In 1981, state-owned Nasco produced 17,500 passenger cars, tractors and trucks. Vehicle imports in the same year were running at more than 32,000 vehicles.

In Tuesday's ceremony, Egyptian minister of investment Mr. Wagh Shindil said the new car complex would bring the country more foreign exchange and help cut back on vehicle imports.

Foreign and local investors have been constantly complaining about the slow pace of procedures to get projects underway.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tokyo stock market retreats

TOKYO (R) — Share prices suffered a major setback in Tokyo Wednesday, with investors discouraged by Monday's sharp decline on Wall Street, dealers said. The Tokyo stock exchange had been closed Tuesday for a national holiday. The market average lost 41.35 points Wednesday to close at 8,663.04 compared with the record 8,704.39 points on Monday. Share prices of big names such as Hitachi and Sony fell as investors sold out to take profits after the rises of recent days. Foreign investors emerged as sellers and stock analysts said this disappointed dealers at major Japanese securities houses who bought shares last Monday to sell to foreigners.

Arab shipping boosts profits

BAHRAIN (R) — The United Arab Shipping Company's profits rose almost 10 per cent in 1982 to \$42.3 million, the company's general director Mr. Abdul Aziz Salati said Wednesday. The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Mr. Salati as saying the company would pay a five per cent dividend to its shareholders — the governments of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

British Airways announces profit

LONDON (R) — State-owned British Airways (B.A.) Wednesday announced a return to profitability, reporting a net gain of £72 million (\$113 million) for the last financial year. The figure, following stringent economies, compared with a loss of £118 million (\$185 million) for the previous year. B.A. chairman Sir John King told a news conference the airline's total revenue for the 12 months ending March 31 last was £2,497 million (\$3,920 million).

Zambia cuts fuel prices

LUSAKA (R) — Zambia reduced petrol and diesel fuel prices by about eight per cent Wednesday, the official Zambia News Agency reported. It quoted Mr. James Mapoma, director-general of Parastatal Zimco which controls the marketing of petroleum products in Zambia as saying the measure was intended to pass on to the consumer the benefits of recent OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) price reductions. Mr. Mapoma said a litre of regular grade petrol would cost 92 ngwee (75 cents) from Wednesday compared with the current price of one Kwacha (84 cents). Diesel fuel and premium petrol would be reduced by similar margins.

Belgium cuts key discount rate

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium is cutting its key discount rate from 10 to 9.5 per cent Thursday, the first time it has been in single figures since October 1979. The National Bank said Wednesday the cut was possible because the franc was healthy and there was abundant liquidity on international markets. Foreign exchange dealers had been in two minds whether the rate would come down, in view of the Dutch decision earlier this week to go against the trend toward lower interest rates by raising their bank rate by one point to 4.5 per cent. However, the National Bank said the gap between Belgian and other interest rates was still large enough to justify a cut.

Arab firm to invest in agriculture

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — A \$5 billion Arab-financed agricultural company is being set up to implement a food security programme in Sudan and Egypt, it was reported here. The company will be 50 per cent financed by businessmen from the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and Egypt, while the balance will be raised through public subscription. The move comes at a time when the Arab World, which imports more than 50 per cent of its food requirements, is considering the idea of an Arab Common Market to promote self-sufficiency. Following a call at the annual conference of Arab chambers of commerce and industry, held in Sudan, the more prosperous Arab countries are expected to look more favourably on investing in agricultural projects.

W. German jobless rate drops sharply

BONN (R) — Government optimism that an economic recovery is under way in West Germany was boosted Wednesday by official figures showing a sharp fall in unemployment last month and improved new industrial orders.

Unemployment dropped by 133,000 to 2.25 million — 9.2 per cent of the workforce — in April, the federal labour office reported. It was the second successive steep monthly fall since a 2.54 million record (10.4 per cent) in February.

The figures were announced as Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who campaigned in March's general election under the slogan "vote for the upturn," told parliament: "The upturn has started."

Labour office President Josef Stiglitz said after seasonal adjustments the underlying trend in the jobless figures was still moving upwards but more slowly than in the previous month.

West German industry's new orders in March rose by one per cent over the previous month, domestic demand leading the way with a two per cent growth rate, the economics ministry said.

It said the rise in new orders, an early indicator of economic trends, was encouraging, particularly as it confirmed that there had been no collapse in demand after the expiry of a government investment bonus scheme at the end of 1982.

Industry feared the scheme would make firms place orders ahead of schedule to qualify for the bonus, after which demand would drop off sharply.

The economics ministry also reported that industrial production in March remained steady.

On Monday the country's five leading economic institutes said West Germany was experiencing a real upturn and not just a false start.

They said the economy would grow by around 0.5 per cent this year after shrinking 1.1 per cent in 1982.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed mixed after a quiet session. At 1500 hrs the F.T. index was down 2.1 at 690.0.

Continuing sterling firmness prompted fresh demand for government bonds where gains ranged to about ½ point. Initial demand exhausted the government broker's supplies of the treasury 10½ 1989 medium term stock, dealers said.

Equities started firm but light profit taking and results below market expectations from Marks and Spencer and P and O pushed prices down while gold shares closed below opening highs, in line with the easier dollar price.

Marks and Spencer closed 13p down at 203. P and O lost a penny at 149p, ICI shed 10p to 45p. Beecham eased 8p to 388 and Unilever gave up 15p at 760.

Glaxo firmed 15p to 885. Thorn reduced an opening 10p advance to 5p at 534 while Courtaulds rose 6p to 96.

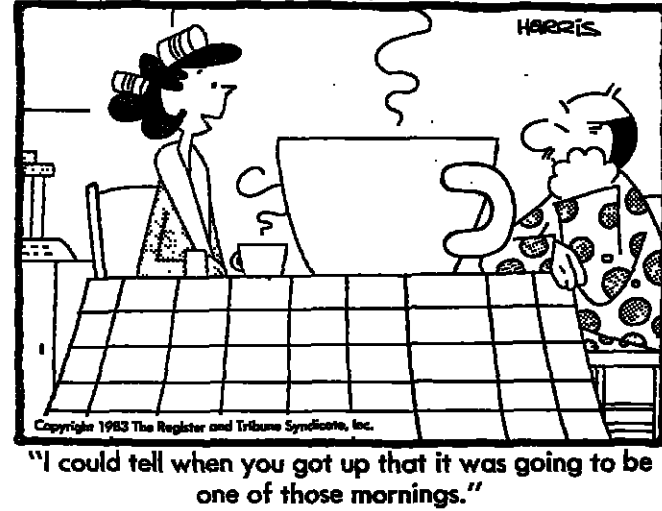
Southey touched a low of 425 after news that its merger with Knoll International is to be referred to the Monopolies Commission but recovered to close 60p down on the day at 465. Christie International fell 8p in sympathy at 240.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

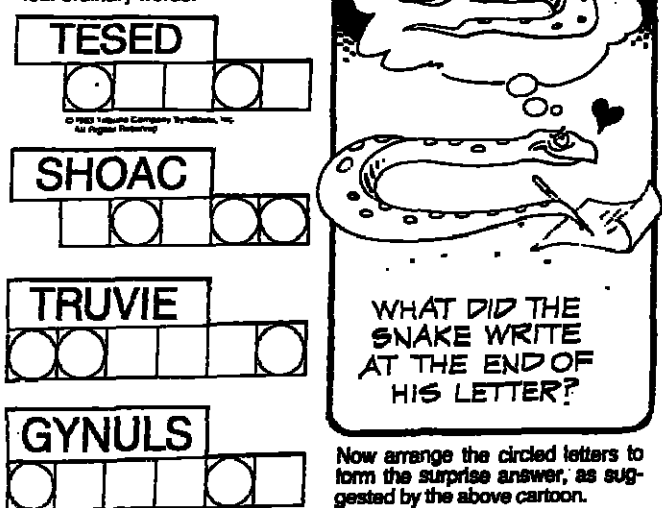
One sterling	1.5825/35	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2251/54	Canadian dollars
	2.4440/50	West German marks
	2.7480/90	Dutch guilders
	2.0580/95	Swiss francs
	48.73/78	Belgian francs
	7.3925/75	French francs
	1458.00/1459.00	Italian lire
	236.70/85	Japanese yen
	7.4700/50	Norwegian crowns
	7.0925/75	Swedish crowns
	8.7125/75	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	434.25/435.25	U.S. dollars

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris



JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here: &

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AZURE CLOTH BARIUM ELICIT

Answer: What the man from Prague called his wife — HIS "CZECH" MATE

Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp



UAE ups petrol prices by 32%

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) raised petrol prices by 32 per cent Wednesday, but an official source at the oil ministry said the government was considering how to exempt its citizens from the increase.

Under the cabinet-approved increase, the price of super grade petrol rose to 4.90 dirhams (\$1.3) a gallon from 3.70 dirhams (\$1), while other grades and diesel fuel rose a similar amount.

The source said the government was discussing ways to compensate UAE nationals, outnumbered four to one by expatriates in the 1.1 million population, perhaps by issuing special cards or giving them monthly payments.

In Dubai and emirates outside Abu Dhabi, motorists formed long queues at petrol stations because of new payment rules introduced on Sunday by the emirates General Petroleum Corporation, a state-owned firm that supplies fuel to garages.

The firm is demanding advance payment from garage owners and has embargoed deliveries of petrol and diesel fuel to garages in arrears on previous supplies, officials said.

They said the corporation had not received a budgeted government subsidy since Jan. 1 and was itself in arrears of about 400 million dirhams (\$110 million) to the local electricity company.

In Dubai, long queues formed at the few petrol stations still open and policemen were called in to sort out the chaos.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you can express goodwill and are able to get together and work out personal problems with others. Make a point to maintain self-control and understanding of others.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You may feel sluggish early in the day but later can make up for lost time and accomplish a great deal. Be sensible.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) New projects appeal to you but they need more study before you jump into them. New contacts yield fine benefits now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make sure you carry through with promises made and you gain fine benefits from them. Show more affection for loved one.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You may not agree with the ideas of an associate, but think them over carefully for a better appraisal.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Improving your surroundings now can add to your comfort and pleasure. Take time to improve your appearance. Be logical.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Express your finest talents and gain the support of higher-ups. Don't waste time with persons who have selfish interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study home conditions and clarify any problems there in a friendly fashion. Make your life as you want it to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make it a point to contact persons who can give the advice you need to make greater progress in career matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Ideal day to handle monetary affairs and increase your security in the future. Give more attention to close ties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can easily make an excellent impression on others at this time. Accept social invitations and dress in good taste.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Think over your ideas for the future and make plans to profit by them. Consult an expert for advice you need.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Good time to get together with friends and make mutual plans for the future. Take no chances with one who opposes you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she could be easily spoiled, so teach your progeny to stand on own two feet and make the most of the talents in this chart. Would do well in the field of entertainment. Teach to set a goal and then to follow through.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You need to be careful that you are not too fixed and determined in your viewpoints today and tonight or you could encounter more trouble than you had hoped for.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't be forceful with others who disagree with your views. Come to a better accord with co-workers. Be wise.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Listening to suggestions of associates is wise now and be sure to cooperate more with them. Try to be helpful to others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Schedule your work activities wisely and then carry through with them in a positive manner. Don't waste time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You may want to have a good time now, but it's to your best interest to save money now instead of spending it.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have to be diplomatic at home today to avoid trouble. Study a new project well since it is bound to have some flaws.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be tactful with others so that they don't take their ire out on you. Avoid a tendency to splurge when you can't afford it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have to be careful in the handling of investments and other financial matters to avoid trouble at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be more thoughtful of others in going after your aims and avoid unpleasantness. Take steps to improve your health.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Keep personal worries to yourself since others have their own problems to think about. Think constructively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take advantage of an opportunity coming your way that could give you added income. Strive for happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study new activities that interest you early in the day but don't make decisions until the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Put off until tomorrow an activity that is concerned with improving your welfare. Take positive steps to gain your goals.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have the ability to solve problems that are difficult for others, so be sure to give as fine an education as you can afford and teach to be objective for best results. The latter years will be most self-satisfying.

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WORLD

House vote setback for Reagan

WASHINGTON (R) — A congressional committee has voted to stop shadowy U.S. involvement in fighting in Nicaragua, dealing President Reagan a major setback in his efforts to prop up Central America against leftist forces.

The House of Representatives intelligence committee voted 9-5 Tuesday to cut off all funds for a secret operation Mr. Reagan says is designed to stop the flow of arms from Nicaragua to left wing guerrillas in El Salvador.

The senate intelligence committee worked on a similar bill but adjourned without taking any action.

The Reagan administration has

not revealed what it is doing in Nicaragua. But the leftist government in Managua has accused the U.S. of arming and directing an invasion of more than 4,000 rebels from neighbouring Honduras.

Mr. Reagan tacitly acknowledged last week that the U.S. had mounted a secret operation in Nicaragua. He said the aim was to block military supplies from Cuba and the Soviet bloc to guerrillas trying to topple the Washington-backed government in El Salvador.

Mr. Reagan, questioned by reporters Tuesday night at a White House reception for foreign

diplomats, described the House committee vote as irresponsible and vowed to keep fighting in Congress for his Central America policy.

"We are not doing anything wrong in Central America," he said.

Last week, appealing to a joint session of Congress for more U.S. military aid to friendly governments in Central America, Mr. Reagan said the Sandinistas had "imposed a new dictatorship" in Nicaragua and done "everything they can to bring down the elected government of El Salvador."

The House committee bill

would stop the secret U.S. operation but authorise \$80 million over the next two years to help pro-Washington governments in the region block arms flowing to Salvadorean guerrillas.

The bill still has to be approved by the full Congress. Mr. Reagan could veto it but Congress could override such a move with a two-thirds majority in the House and the Senate.

The committee members voted on party lines — all nine Democrats wanting to sever the Nicaragua connection and the five Republicans favouring its continuation.

Nicaragua claims to hold rightists at bay

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua says its troops have blunted an invasion by 1,200 right-wing rebels backed by Honduran soldiers.

The defence ministry said Monday night that the invading force was pinned down one kilometre below the Honduran border 14 kilometres northwest of the town of Jalapa.

Three Nicaraguan soldiers were killed and five wounded in the fighting, the statement said, adding

that the rebels had suffered numerous casualties.

Honduran troops had crossed into Nicaragua to evacuate wounded rebels under the cover of heavy artillery and mortar barrages, it said.

The defence ministry communique was the first detailed official combat report on fighting against the 1,200 rebels, alleged by Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto to have entered Nic-

aragua on Saturday in an operation masterminded by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Monday, Mr. d'Escoto said the fighting was the heaviest on the northern border since the rebel penetration began.

He added a further 1,000 rebels had been trying to cross into Nueva Segovia Province since Saturday. Monday night's defence

ministry communique made no mention of the additional 1,000 rights. If they have managed to cross the border it would bring to 4,200 the number of rebels alleged to have moved against leftist Nicaragua from Honduran bases in the last two months.

Nicaragua has said its troops are also fighting 700 rebels who crossed its southern border from bases in Costa Rica.

U.S. Catholic bishops rebuff Reagan administration

CHICAGO (R) — U.S. Roman Catholic bishops, brushing aside the Reagan administration's plea for a milder stand, have overwhelmingly approved a controversial pastoral letter calling for an end to the nuclear arms race.

After two days of intense debate, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Monday voted 238 to nine in favour of the letter denouncing nuclear war and urging a halt to the nuclear arms race.

The action by some 275 bishops

from across the United States was seen as a sharp rebuff to the administration, which wanted them to use the word "curb" rather than "halt" in the letter.

The White House had no immediate comment on the vote.

The language finally adopted in the letter, which will serve as a teaching guide for more than 50 million Roman Catholics in the U.S., calls for a halt in the testing, production and deployment of new nuclear weapons.

The bishops, who voted by sec-

ret ballot on the pastoral letter entitled "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise And Our Response," spent most of Monday and Tuesday fine-tuning and strengthening language in the 155-page, 44,000-word document.

The word "halt" appeared in the first and second drafts, but at the urging of the Reagan administration, the five bishops drawing up the letter substituted the word "curb" in a third draft.

But on Monday the conference overwhelmingly adopted an ame-

ndment restoring "halt".

At the same time, the bishops tried to soften the political impact of the wording by inserting a footnote which read in part: "... We have chosen our own language... not wanting either to be identified with one specific proposal or to have our words used against specific political measures."

The bishops did not condemn the use of nuclear weapons at all times, in all situations, but they approved a "no first use" clause.

Abducted relief workers in Tigray not freed yet

NAIROBI (R) — Guerrillas fighting the Ethiopian government have spoken of plans to hold 10 foreign aid workers they abducted last month for between three and six weeks, a senior official of one of the aid organisations involved said Wednesday.

Hugh Mackay, overseas director of the British Save The Children Fund charity, told Reuters by telephone from Addis Ababa that he got this impression after meeting Tigray Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF) officials last week in Sudan.

The guerrillas, who want to oust Mengistu Haile Mariam's military government in Ethiopia, abducted the 10 aid workers, seven of them women, when they seized control of the northern town of Korem last month.

Mr. Mackay said guerrilla spokesmen promised him that the group would not be harmed but would not tell him where or when

the workers would be released. "They said they expected to be held for three to six weeks," said Mr. Mackay, who arrived in Addis Ababa Tuesday for talks with Ethiopian officials after a meeting with the guerrillas in the Sudanese capital Khartoum.

He said he was still trying to determine how many Ethiopian staff involved in the relief operation had been taken by the TPLF.

Those abducted include five SCF staff, two Irish nuns, two Italian nuns, and an American priest, according to diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa.

Ethiopia is suffering its worst drought since one 10 years ago that killed more than 200,000 people. The abducted aid workers were involved in food and medical programmes for people who had left their highland homes because of food shortages.

Italy, Argentina clash over 'missing people'

ROME (R) — Relations between Italy and Argentina deteriorated sharply Tuesday as the two countries exchanged accusations over the disappearance of thousands of people in Argentina in the late 1970s.

The Italian president's office released a message in which the Argentine government rejected criticism from Italian President Sandro Pertini and accused him of interfering in its internal affairs.

Following an official Argentine declaration last week saying those who went missing should be considered dead, Mr. Pertini sent a telegram accusing the Argentine authorities of chilling cynicism.

Expressing strong protest Argentina replied: "We reject (his views) firmly and in their entirety as they are insulting and represent an evident interference in the Argentine republic's internal affairs."

Mr. Pertini, 86, immediately sent a sharp rebuke to Argentine President Gen. Reynaldo Bignone alluding to the "horrible crimes committed against innocent people."

He said he was perfectly justified in protesting on behalf of the Italian people because there were Italians among the victims.

The number of people of Italian origin or nationality who disappeared during the military crackdown on leftists has been estimated at about 300.

Mr. Pertini said the Argentine government was obliged to "reply before the whole world for all their violations of human and civil

rights."

In Buenos Aires, the commander-in-chief of the navy reiterated that the junta's report on the disappeared was the armed forces' final word on the matter.

Speaking to journalists in the northern city of Posadas, Adm. Ruben Franco said it was still too early to evaluate reaction to the document.

The Vatican too Tuesday expressed sharp disapproval of the Argentine statement saying it was unacceptable and incomprehensible and that it had opened new and if possible more tormenting questions.

In Paris the French government summoned the Argentine charge d'affaires to express "great surprise at a statement which purports to exonerate from all responsibility the perpetrators of brutalities committed in the name of maintaining public order."

Meanwhile Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Ramon Aguirre Lanari confirmed press reports that Italy had offered to mediate between Britain and Argentina to find a peaceful solution to the Falklands (Malvinas) dispute.

Speaking to journalists on his return from a trip to Switzerland and India, Mr. Aguirre Lanari cautiously welcomed the move.

In Rome, officials at the Italian foreign ministry said Tuesday the report that Italy was ready to mediate was without foundation but recalled Italy's long-standing commitment to contribute towards solving differences over the South Atlantic islands.

Guerrillas hurt Italian expert

ROME (R) — Leftist urban guerrillas Tuesday injured one of Italy's leading experts on labour relations in a gun attack from a motor-cycle in the centre of Rome.

Police said a young man and woman fired seven shots at Prof. Gino Giugni, 56, before escaping. Doctors who operated on him said his condition was satisfactory.

An organisation calling itself the Communist Party combatants

claimed responsibility in an anonymous telephone call to a Rome newspaper. Police said the group appeared to be an offshoot of the Red Brigade urban guerrillas.

Prof. Giugni, a socialist university professor and an adviser to the labour ministry for 20 years, was a leading architect of a labour agreement this year which restricted inflation-linked pay increases for workers.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

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The British Council wishes to announce that as the examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music will be taking place at the British Council Centre, there will be no artistic or cultural programme for members during May.

Khmer Rouge attacks Phnom Penh suburb

PHNOM PENH (R) — Fifteen people were killed and more than 30 seriously injured during a recent guerrilla attack on a crowded market on the outskirts of the Kampuchean capital, foreign medical workers said Wednesday.

The attack at Tagmao, a suburb about 10 kilometres from the centre of Phnom Penh, was the closest to the capital since Kampuchea's former rulers, the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge, were ousted from power in January, 1979, by Vietnam's invasion.

Foreign doctors mainly from Eastern Europe and Cuba, who staff Phnom Penh's hospitals, said the attack on April 16 was made with at least two grenades, thrown into Tagmao market.

They blamed the Khmer Rouge, now fighting a guerrilla war from bases on Kampuchea's western border with Thailand, for the assault.

Some diplomats suggested that the guerrillas might have decided to use terror tactics to unsettle the Vietnamese.

The Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh has not acknowledged that the blast took place and it went unreported except for a brief mention on the Khmer Rouge's clandestine China-based radio, monitored in Bangkok.

The grenade attack was seen by the few foreign residents in this decayed city, abandoned by the Khmer Rouge for nearly four years during the late 1970s, as an embarrassment to Vietnam and the Heng Samrin government it backs here.

Both governments have emphasised in their propaganda that the new Phnom Penh administration was in complete control of the countryside and Kampuchea's towns.

By striking deep into Kampuchea and hitting the outskirts of its capital, the communist Khmer Rouge put their rivals off balance.

The security scare was reflected in arrangements for more than 30 Western, Soviet bloc, Japanese and South East Asian journalists who were brought to Phnom Penh to witness Vietnam's latest partial troop pullout.

Except for a small group of journalists housed in the downtown Monorom Hotel, the majority of the visiting press corps were kept virtual prisoners in state guest houses on the outskirts of the city.

Armed guards prevented them from leaving their compounds and they were forbidden to make their own way around the city unaccompanied. They were ordered to travel only in government organised tour buses.

Police break up protests in major Polish cities

WARSAW (R) — Polish riot police went into action for the second time in three days Tuesday night to break up street protests in at least four major cities.

Security forces in Warsaw, Gdansk, Lublin and the twin cities of Krakow and Nova Huta used teargas and water cannon to scatter thousands of people who took to the streets after evening mass on the feast day of Poland's patron saint and the anniversary of Poland's first democratic constitution in 1791.

But in statements earlier, government ministers said social tension was easing and the May Day

demonstrations last Sunday would not affect plans for a papal visit in June.

The government appeared to be ruling out compromise Tuesday when it turned down Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's call for talks and rejected Pope John Paul's request that political prisoners be given an amnesty before he visits his homeland.

In Warsaw, helmeted riot police attacked a column of some 8,000 exuberant people of all ages who clapped and laughed as they walked along the street from the cathedral past a massed array of riot control vehicles.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Greens disrupt Kohl's speech

BONN (R) Deputies from the radical ecologist Greens Party disrupted West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's policy speech to parliament Wednesday by unfurling a banner beside the podium. Greens leader Petra Kelly and another woman deputy raised the red banner attacking the conservative-led Bonn government's support for United States policy in Central America. "Support for the USA in Nicaragua means shared guilt for the death of Albrecht Pfau," it said in the reference to the murder of a West German doctor by anti-government guerrillas in the Central American state. The speaker, Rainer Barzel, ordered the banner removed and Dr. Kohl declared to loud applause: "The problems we face cannot be solved with banners."

U.S. radical allegedly in Bahamas

NEW YORK (R) — A member of a radical group that freed Black Liberation Army leader Joanne Chesimard from prison in 1979 testified Tuesday that she fled to the Bahamas. But Tyrone Rison said the Bahamas was only a stop on the way to Linya, Angola, China or Cuba. He was never told where Chesimard took refuge. A spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said the bureau had no idea where Ms. Chesimard was.

Muggers harm Moroccan tourism

RABAT (T) — Muggers are harming Morocco's tourist industry, according to the pro-government daily Al Alam. The Moroccan tourist trade had a record year in 1982 with two million visitors who injected 2.1 billion dirhams (about \$36 million) into the economy, according to official figures. But, Al Alam said in an editorial, Moroccan tourism is "dying out" and visitors are often obliged to stay in their hotels or buses for fear of being attacked by hoodlums.

"Jogging may cause loss of hair"

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Town joggers trying to lose weight may end up losing their hair, according to a Malaysian hair expert. Car exhaust fumes and industrial pollution causes deterioration of the hair shaft and weakens the hair root, ecology lecturer V.M. Palaniappan told a meeting here.

Floods kill 78 in Bangladesh

DHAKA (R) — Seventy-eight people have died, 60,000 made homeless and a small town has been covered in water as floods in parts of Bangladesh worsened in the last 24 hours, officials said Wednesday. They said the town of Moulibazar in the eastern Sylhet district was under one metre of water and residents had taken shelter in camps opened by the local administration. Thousands of people were reported fleeing their homes in Sylhet and the southeastern Comilla district as fresh rains fell.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

Edited by Herb Eisenstein

STEP ON IT!

By Judson G. Treast

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- 2 Pro's opposite
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- 28 "Days and Dots" author
- 29 Veeps
- 30 Pelt house
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- 32 Express a view
- 33 Associated with one's birth
- 34 Pasover meal
- 35 Peculiarity
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Diagramless

19 X 19, by N. M. Meyer

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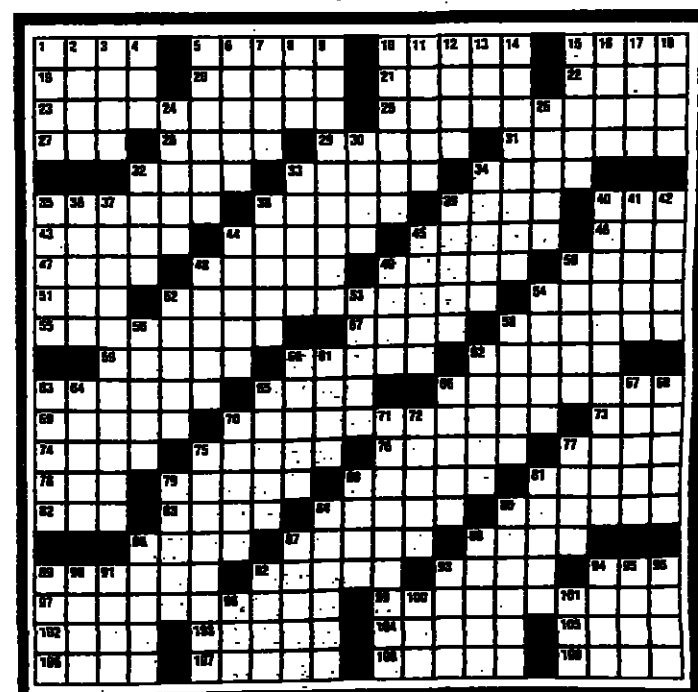
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Last Week's Cryptograms

1. April's first sign of spring: blue young leaves that shed bulky red hedges too soon.
2. Does acid rain eliminate need for a touch of lemon on our fish?
3. Luscious moose in the house had to eat her dinner all alone.
4. Kind spiral tour guide took bored tourists to big gambling den.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. PAAPDOAKS STOPSH MSTOP FO ODAGE PA
ENRFOFO OLOPSE TMSH RINGEL ISUPSU
MTOF. —By Roba Dew
2. HOPE HOST HOLSINF RETL ET HULSTV HIYAST
HILSTYAULE. —By Norton H. Rhoades
3. ENGDRO IAMUWIV INWMD DJNYER MUD EDYN
MO AC YI NIKASHWIT GARDENS. —By E.L. Livingston
4. BINEE DCSE DFEFOIRSPS DPASFAACRE OZ
THCAT CASE SPDS. —By Connie Rosenfield

